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SENT DEPARTMENT POLTO 2035, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON POLTO 341, MOSCOW POLTO 110, ROME POLTO 139.

WE ARE VERY SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF PRESS STORIES ON SHIFTS IN AMERICAN POSITION ON BERLIN AND GERMANY AND SPLIT BETWEEN ALLIES. IN ADDITION TO ALSOPIES AND CROWDER ARTICLES REFERRED TO IN MAC VELENDAY (109)59 2027, THE MORNING HERALD TRIBUNE CARRIES MARGHERITE H. STORY DATED WASHINGTON TO EFFECT GER UNDER PRESSURE FROM UNITED STATES NOW STUDYING THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR CONFEDERATION COULD BE SAFEGUARDED SUFFICIENTLY TO BE ADOPTED BY WEST. TRIBUNE ALSO CARRIES DON COLEMAN STORY FROM LONDON, AIRING AT GREAT LENGTH ALLEGED UNITED STATES-UNITED KINGDOM SPLIT ON CONTINGENCY PLANS.

THINK THAT PETERATION OF LINE THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IS BEST WE CAN DO WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, WE WONDER WHETHER OUR OVERALL INTERESTS MIGHT NOT BE SERVED BY TAKING OUR NATO ALLIES CONFIDENTIALLY INTO OUR TENTATIVE THINKING AT THIS TIME. PERHAPS THIS IS ALREADY BEING DONE IN WASHINGTON OR ELSEWHERE WITH UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND GERMANY. BUT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE TENDENCY TOWARD DOUBT VACILLATION ON PART OF THOSE MEMBERS OF NATO WHO ARE NOT IN CONTINUED CONTACT WITH WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT. AS SPEAK EMPHASIZED YESTERDAY, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT THESE SMALLER GOVERNMENTS BE PROVIDED

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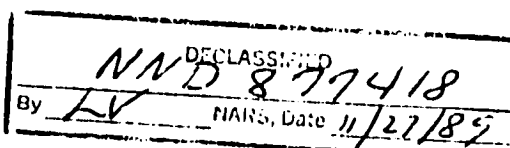
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WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON ANY EMERGING IDEAS  
TO ENABLE THEM TO HANDLE THEIR PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC  
INQUIRIES.

REALIZE THIS IS DIFFICULT PROBLEM AT THIS STAGE, BUT  
SUGGEST IT MAY BE DESIRABLE, IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE  
NECESSARY MATERIAL, TO COORDINATE WITH BRITISH, FRENCH  
AND GERMANS AND ARRANGE FOR EARLY SPECIAL NAC MEETING,  
AT WHICH WE MIGHT REINFORCE STATEMENT THAT NO FINAL DECISION  
HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY FRANK STATEMENT OF SOME OF THE  
POSSIBILITIES, TOGETHER WITH PRO'S AND CON'S, WHICH ARE  
UNDER CONSIDERATION. ALTERNATIVELY, SUGGEST THIS BE DONE  
AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE WITH NATO AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON  
WITH AUTHORITY TO US TO BRING SPAAK INTO PICTURE.

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